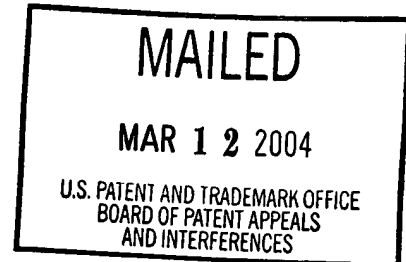


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Ex parte HIDEYA TAKEO

Application No. 09/356,505



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 20, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

A Reply Brief was filed October 1, 2003 (no paper number was given to this paper). The paper was not entered into the system nor did the examiner review this paper. The Reply Brief needs to be entered into the system and needs to be considered by the examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR § 1.193(b)(1) which states:

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(b)(1) ... The primary examiner must either acknowledge receipt and entry of the reply brief or withdraw the final rejection and reopen prosecution to respond to the reply brief.

Only one of the conferees' initialed the Examiner's Answer. The conferee Jon Chang needs to initial the Examiner's Answer.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner to enter the Reply Brief, consider the Reply Brief, the conferee to initial the Examiner's Answer and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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